

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16, 28, and 29 are pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gessner *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,343,377 (hereinafter "Gessner"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Gessner is directed towards a system and method for manifesting content received via the Internet by an automatic data processing system that includes a content retrieval module for receiving content from the Internet. Gessner discloses core routines which provide core functionality such as content layout and rendition (Gessner col.6 lines 45-48). The core routines further include a set of "replaceable delegates" that perform a certain core task within and for software application environment (Gessner col.5 lines 47-52; col.6 lines 48-50). Gessner further discloses that an external client can extend the functionality of the core routines by replacing a replaceable delegate with the client's replacement delegate so that the replacement delegate can perform the functionality of the replaceable delegate that it has replaced (Fig. 2, col.7 lines 11-15). Gessner, however, does not teach or suggest a mechanism included in the core engine to extend a selected category of behavior of the core engine with the behaviors of a same category of the at least one external component, such that the behaviors of the same category of the at least one external component participate with the behaviors of the core engine, wherein participation includes the at least one external component delegating some processing of the behaviors of the same category to the core engine.

The Office Action alleges that an external component of the claim is comparable to the external client's replacement delegate taught by Gessner. However, the replacement delegate does not delegate "some processing" of the behaviors of the same category to the core engine. The replacement delegate in fact completely replaces the replaceable delegate and takes over the corresponding core task. This teaches away from Applicant's invention. As claimed in claims 1 and 28, Applicant's invention allows an external component to provide a category of behavior while allowing the core engine to handle some processing of the behaviors of the same category. Gessner only teaches an external component replacing the same category of behavior and completely handling the processing of the particular core task. Gessner, therefore, does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 28.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 2-3, 7-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gessner, in view of Weis et al, U.S. Patent 6,161,126 (hereinafter "Weis"). Claims 4-6, 11, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gessner and Wies, in further view of Ramaley et al, U.S. Patent 6,585,777 (hereinafter "Ramaley"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Weis and Ramaley, both singularly and in combination with Gessner, fail to cure the deficiencies found in Gessner. Neither reference discloses the at least one external component delegating some processing of the behaviors of the same category to the core engine. In regards to independent claim 7, the Office Action again alleges that Gessner discloses this function. However, Gessner only teaches an external component replacing the same category of behavior and completely handling the processing of the particular category of behavior without allowing

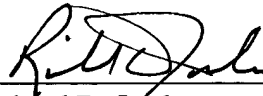
the core engine to handle some processing of the behaviors of the same category. Gessner, Weis, Ramaley, and the combination of one or more of these references fail to disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2-16, and 29.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and claims 1-16, 28, and 29 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner believes that any issues remain, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.19-2112 referencing MFCP 87510.

Respectfully submitted,

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